

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (withdrawn): Process for the preparation of one or more statins by fermentation, wherein a substrate is fermented with statins producing fungus, characterized in that substrate comprises more than 20% by weight of soy ingredients.
2. (withdrawn): Process according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises more than 50% by weight of soy ingredients.
3. (withdrawn): Process according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises more than 80% by weight of soy ingredients.
4. (withdrawn): Process according to claim 1, wherein the statins producing fungus is a *Monascus* fungus.
5. (withdrawn): Process according to claim 1, wherein an amount of oil being at least 5 wt.% oil is present in the substrate during fermentation.
6. (withdrawn): Process according to claim 5, wherein the oil is edible oil.
7. (withdrawn): Process according to claim 5, wherein the oil is vegetable edible oil.

8. (withdrawn): Process according to claim 5, wherein the amount of oil is at least 10 wt. %.
9. (withdrawn): The *Monascus* strain F125 M1-4 deposited at the Centraal Bureau voor Schimmelculturen on 14.11.2000 having number CBS 109070.
10. (canceled).
11. (previously presented): Food products according to claim 19, wherein the amount of the one or more statins is 5-500 mg/kg.
12. (previously presented): Food product according to claim 21 wherein the amount of genistein is 20-95 wt% of the sum of the amounts of genistein and genistin.
13. (previously presented): Food product according to claim 21, wherein the amount of genistein is 20-80 wt.% of the sum of the amounts of genistein and genistin.
14. (currently amended): Food product according to claim 19, wherein the amount of statins is 5-500 mg/kg and the amount of polyphenols is 1 wt.% or higher.
15. (previously presented): Food product according to claim 14, wherein the amount of polyphenols is 5 wt.% or higher.
16. (previously presented): Food product according claim 19, wherein the fermentation product has a Hue a* value less than 10.

17. (cancelled)
18. (cancelled)
19. (currently amended): A food product selected from the group consisting of a margarine, a dressing, a sweet, a bar, a meal replacer, a breakfast cereal and a beverage, said food product comprising a fermentation product formed by fermenting a substrate comprising at least more than 50% by weight of soy ingredients with a statins producing fungus; wherein the fermentation product comprises one or more statins and one or more polyphenols and has a Hue a* value less than 20; and wherein said soy ingredients are selected from the group consisting of whole soybeans, crushed whole soybeans, soy protein, soy milk and soy flakes.
20. (currently amended): A food product according to claim 19 wherein the substrate comprises at least more than 80% of said soy ingredients.
21. (currently amended): A food product according to claim 19 wherein the polyphenols ~~comprises an amount of~~ comprise genistein and genistin, and wherein the amount of genistein is 10-99 wt.% of the sum of the amounts of genistein and genistin.
22. (currently amended): A food product according to claim 19 wherein the fermentation product is formed by fermenting a substrate comprising at least more than 50% of said soy ingredients with statins producing fungus in the presence of at least more than 10% of a vegetable oil.

23. (previously presented): A food product according to claim 19 wherein the fermentation product further comprises an amount of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of polyunsaturated fatty acids, phytosterols, proteins, peptides, dietary fibers, and saponins.
24. (currently amended): A food product according to claim 19 wherein the substrate ~~substantially consists of~~ comprises whole soybeans or crushed whole soybeans.
25. (cancelled)
26. (new): A food product selected from the group consisting of a margarine, a dressing, a sweet, a bar, a meal replacer, a breakfast cereal and a beverage, said food product comprising an extract of a fermentation product formed by fermenting a substrate comprising more than 50% by weight of whole soy beans or crushed whole soy beans with a statins producing *Monascus* fungus; wherein the fermentation product comprises one or more statins and one or more polyphenols and has a Hue a* value less than 20.
27. (new) A food product according to claim 26 wherein the Hue a* value is less than 0.
28. (new) A food product according to claim 26 wherein the extract of the said fermentation product is a vegetable oil extract.